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SUBJECT: BOSNIA- LETTER FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE CIKOTIC TO
MNF-I COMMANDER GENERAL PETRAEUS

1. (SBU) Minister of Defense Cikotic requested Post deliver
the following letter from the Minister to General Petraeus,
Commander of MNF-I Iraq.

Begin Text of Letter:

Bosnia-Herzegovina
Ministry of Defense

Sarajevo
January 18, 2008

General David Howell Petraeus
Commanding General
Multi-National Force- Iraq (MNF-I)

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure to respond to the letter from MNF-I dated
30 September 2007. In this letter, MNF-I requested that
Bosnia-Herzegovina deploy an infantry company or platoon plus
for fixed-site security duties in Iraq.

I am pleased to inform you that on January 17 the Bosnian
Presidency has given preliminary approval for this
deployment. This important decision indicates our strong
commitment to meet your request and our participation in
MNF-I.

Before issuing final approval for the deployment, the
Presidency has requested further information as to the size
of the unit requested for this deployment and potential
locations for its deployment in Iraq.

I have been authorized to engage with MNF-I commanders in
Iraq on these issues during our visit scheduled for January
28-30. Upon my return, I will brief the Presidency on the
information provided and seek final approval to undertake
this deployment.

Again, it is my pleasure to inform you of these developments in meeting your request. I look forward to speaking with you or one of your colleagues in Iraq.

Sincerely,
Selmo Cikotic
Minister
(signature)

End Text of Message.
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